



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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August 16, 2001

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

Jeff Leed
Leed Environmental, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Leed:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the December 2000 "Groundwater Monitoring Plan- NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site- Granite City, Illinois" and hereby approves this document with the following modifications:

1. On Page 15, point #5: "each" is replaced with "two or more", and
2. On Page 15, point #6: the last sentence is reworded as follows: "The report, which would be reviewed and approved/modified by EPA, would include recommendations for the collection of any additional site characterization data or analysis necessary to implement enhancements of the active natural attenuation processes at the Site, a schedule and procedures for evaluation of the effectiveness of the enhancements, and designation of and schedule for the design and implementation of a containment remedy for the Site if the enhancements do not remedy the exceedances."

Please contact me at (312) 886-4742 if you have any questions concerning this letter.

Sincerely,


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Remedial Project Manager

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